**Alternate Meal Policy Considerations for SFAs Opting to Provide Alternate Meals**

*SFAs are not required to provide alternate meals to children with unpaid meal charges. As provided in *SP 46-2016*, SFAs opting to provide alternate meals should include information about alternate meals in their local meal charge policy.*

*For each entity or grade level that has a different alternate meal policy, FNS encourages SFAs to explain in the policy:*

| 1. Which meal service(s) offer alternate meals? | □ Breakfast  
□ Lunch  
□ Afterschool Snacks |
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<td>2. How long will alternate meals be provided?</td>
<td>Duration of the provision of alternate meals: __________________________</td>
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| 3. Are students required to pay for alternate meals? | □ Yes  
□ No |
| If students must pay for the alternate, what is the cost? (Include all meals that apply.) | • Breakfast: $____  
• Lunch: $____  
• Afterschool Snacks: $____ |
| 4. When are alternate meals offered? | Explain when meals are provided (i.e., immediately in lieu of charging, or after a child’s negative balance dips to a certain level): |
| 5. How are alternate meals presented? | Explain how alternate meals are presented (i.e., a sack lunch or a low-cost reimbursable entrée regularly included on the menu): |